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## HILTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK FRAUD

RE: UNITED STATES v. JOHN G. MYLES

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced that John G. Myles, age 27, of 120 Parkwood Lane, Hilton, New York, has pled guilty before United States District Court Judge Charles J. Siragusa to bank fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1344, which carries a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who is handling the case, stated that between September 12, 2005, and November 15, 2005, the defendant participated in a scheme to defraud HSBC Bank, Key Bank, Chase Bank and M&T Bank. As part of the scheme, the defendant recruited three individuals to cash counterfeit checks at various banks located in the Western District of New York. The defendant provided each individual with counterfeit checks, drove them to the banks, and paid them a portion of the stolen funds.

On September 12, 2005, an individual negotiated eight counterfeit checks totaling \$7,170.80 at area branches of HSBC Bank for the defendant. On September 22, 2005, a

second individual negotiated four counterfeit checks totaling \$10,000 at area branches of Key Bank for the defendant. On November 15, 2005, and November 16, 2006, a third individual negotiated four counterfeit checks totaling more than \$11,000 at area branches of Chase Bank and M&T Bank for the defendant.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation by the United States Secret Service, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael Bryant, and William E. Kezer, Postal Inspector in Charge of the New York Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on September 26, 2006, at 2:30 p.m.

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